

(Amended) In combination with the connector assembly of claim 1, a printed circuit board having said second conductors engageable with the first conductors of the flexible circuit.

8. (Amended) In combination with the connector assembly of claim 1, including a second flat flexible circuit inserted into the first opening of the second receptacle of the adapter, the second flexible circuit having said second conductors engageable with said first conductors of the flexible circuit.
9. (Amended) In combination with the connector assembly of claim 1, including a plurality of discrete electrical wires inserted into the second receptacle of the second adapter, the discrete electrical wires having said second conductors engageable with said first conductors of the flexible circuit.

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on April 15, 2002, the Examiner rejected claims 2-5 and 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by Johnson et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,234,820. The Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner's rejection is based on the prior art of Johnson et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,234,820, which is not a prior art reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Johnson et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,234,820.

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